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THE STAY LAW.

The Committee on Courts of Justice, on Saturday, reported a bill changing and re-enacting the stay law of Virginia. The bill is a long one; and as it will doubtless be very much altered before it becomes a law, we give merely the main features of it. The preamble sets forth the pecuniary condition in which the war has left our people as the justifying motive for the passage of a stay law. The first section stays all compulsory processes except in the cases provided for in the other sections. The second section is as follows:

"2. The foregoing section shall not apply to any case in which the debt or liability sought to be enforced was contracted since the second day of April, 1865, or in which the Commonwealth is the creditor or party beneficially entitled, or to taxes, levies or assessments due to a county or corporation, or in which an officer of a county or corporation is liable for taxes, levies or other moneys collected, or which should have been collected by him for such county or corporation; or in which the parties interested shall consent, or in which the parties, or any of them, being incompetent to consent, a circuit court, or a judge in vacation, having jurisdiction of the subject, shall determine that the interest of such parties would be promoted by a sale; or to any case of alimony or of dower, or any interest in lieu of dower, or to any allowance or provision for the maintenance or education of females or infants, or to any payment of rent, or of an annuity falling due after April 2, 1865, or to any proceeding to compel an officer of the State or of a county or corporation, or a commissioner or receiver, or other officer of a court, or any fiduciary, to account for, pay or disburse money received by him since April 23, 1865, or to any proceeding against a fraudulent purchaser or donee, or against property in his hands for a debt or liability of the vendor or donor, or to any proceeding against a debtor or party bound, who has removed, is removing, or intends to remove, his effects out of this State with intent to delay, hinder or defraud his creditors, or those to whom he is liable, or to any proceeding under section three, four or five of chapter one hundred and fifty-one of the Code of 1856, nor to any case hereafter provided for in this act. But nothing in this section shall deprive the sureties of any officer of the State, or of a county or corporation, of the benefit of the first section of this act in respect to any liability accrued prior to April 2, 1865."

The third section provides that old debts, the payment of which has been assumed since the 2d of April, 1865, shall be considered as coming under the operation of the law. The fourth section requires that interest shall annually be paid upon debts affected by the law. The fifth provides for compelling the payment of such interest. The sixth provides that property levied on shall be restored to its owner, but shall remain under lien. The seventh section provides that the statute of limitations shall not apply to the time lost under this act by creditors. The other sections are necessary to the perfecting of the law, but need not be recited here.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

DECISION OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.—The Quartermaster General refuses to pay for property used during the war for military purposes in the Southern States. The following decision has just been made in a case where vouchers had been given, by order of a commanding general, for the use of a blacksmith-shop and tools belonging to loyal citizens of Winchester, Virginia.

"Winchester was a hostile town, captured from an enemy who did not surrender on terms, but were driven out by force of arms; everything in it was prize of war; as at Atlanta and Charleston, buildings were occupied for shelter of troops, and for sick and wounded soldiers. It does not appear that the Military Department should order payment of any rents under such circumstances."

We understand that this decision will apply to all similar cases arising in the Southern States, even where the claimants produce evidence of loyalty.

At the time of Stephen A. Douglas' decease his estate was so encumbered that it was believed that there would be nothing left for his family. During the war, however, the price of real estate in Chicago, where his property was located, appreciated so in value that its sale has paid all the debts, and left his family a handsome competence.

Reports are that the Massachusetts Senators, Sumner and Wilson, don't exactly "gee" together. But this is only a "report."

Hotels and Restaurants.

MAGNOLIA HOUSE,

COR. OF DUKE AND COLUMBUS STS.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The proprietor of this convenient and pleasantly located Hotel begs leave to call the attention of the public to his reduced rates of prices, as follows:

TRANSIENT BOARDERS, \$2 per day.
PERMANENT BOARDERS, with single rooms, from \$7 to \$10 per week, according to size and location of room. Room with double bed for two gentlemen, from \$8 to \$7 per week each.

GAS BATHS, and all the conveniences necessary for the comforts of a home, and a plentiful supply of the best the market can afford.

Choice WINES, LIQUORS, SEGARS, &c., always on hand.

I CHALLENGE COMPETITION.

Give me a call.
R. FREDERICK, Proprietor,
Magnolia House.

Jan 5-3m

MALBY HOUSE,

A. B. MILLER, Proprietor.
PRATT STREET BALTIMORE, MD.

This house having been lately thoroughly RE-FITTED AND RE-FURNISHED, renders its accommodations second to none in the city. aug 14-1v

MANSION HOUSE RESTAURANT,

No. 15, North Fairfax street.
R. T. LUCAS, PROPRIETOR.

Ladies and gentlemen will meet with every accommodation pertaining to such an establishment.

A choice variety of MEATS, with POULTRY, OYSTERS, &c., including every delicacy the markets afford, will be prepared by professional cooks, and served by polite and attentive waiters, and at reasonable prices.

ICE CREAMS and PASTRIES will be of superior quality.

The wine vaults will be stocked with a select assortment of WINES, ALES, &c.

The Restaurant and Saloon will be open at all hours. Particular attention will be given to orders from families and parties wishing dinner or supper. aug 30-1f

Clothing, &c.

ARNOLD & FIELD,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES AND VESTINGS,
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS, AND
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.

Having disposed of our interest in the Merchant Tailoring business, at No. 83, King st., to O'Neil & Dwelly, and removed to No. 69, we propose to offer for your inspection a good line of the above goods. Our long experience in the manufacture of Cloths and Cassimeres, gives us a great advantage in selecting our stock, which we intend to sell at a small advance on cost.

We shall offer great inducements to Tailors, as we intend to keep good trimmings, and sell them cheap.

You will find in our Gent's Furnishing Department a great selection of goods in that line always on hand. Give us a call and you will never regret it, at No. 69, King street, next door to Miller's China Store. sep 22-1f

FASHIONABLE TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

Messrs. O'Neil & Dwelly having purchased the interest of Messrs. Arnold & Field in the MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS, have removed to the Store lately occupied by that firm, 83 KING STREET.

Where may be found the best assortment of CLOTHS, in this city, both of Foreign and Domestic manufacture.

Mr. O'Neil's ability as a cutter justifies them in assuring their customers a stylish and well fitting garment.

They have also a fine assortment of Gents' FURNISHING GOODS, such as Shirts, Socks, Ties, Scarfs and Gloves of all kinds.

Please call and examine our goods and judge for yourselves at 83 King street, one door east of Parker's Theatre. sep 26-1f

MURRAY, RIDGELY & MURRAY,

MERCHANT TAILORS,
No. 7, NORTH FAIRFAX STREET,
Keep constantly on hand a large assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., which they are prepared to make up at short notice, and at reasonable prices. aug 14-1f

W. M. E. ATWELL,

TAILOR.
Having removed to No. 95, King st., Would respectfully solicit the patronage of his former friends and the public generally.—Every effort will be made to please. se 28-1f

P. B. HOOE, GEO. C. WEDDERBURN,
Alexandria, Va. Richmond, Va.

HOOE & WEDDERBURN,
(Successors to Fowle & Co.)
GENERAL SHIPPING, COMMISSION &
FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
nov 18-1f ALEXANDRIA, VA.

E. M. WALTON & CO.,

No. 33, KING ST., COR. OF WATER.
Sole agents for the sale of
P. BALentine & SON'S
CELEBRATED NEWARK ALE,
To which they invite attention,
jan 3-1f

ROBERT L. WOOD,

Successor to Ashby & Wood,
continues to carry on the

DRY GOODS BUSINESS.

At the Old Stand, No. 170, King street.
ALEXANDER H. SLAYMAKER (now
with R. L. Wood) would respectfully solicit
the patronage of his friends.

Our STOCK is at all times large and complete,
embracing, Heavy and Fine French Broad-
cloths, Black and Fancy Casemeres, Satinets,
Cloths for servants, &c., &c.

A full assortment of Flannels, white and colored,
Fine and medium quality Dress Goods,
a full assortment of Mourning Dress Goods,
Irish Linen, "warranted genuine," Linen
Sheetings and Pillow Case Linens, Superior
Cotton Shirting and Sheetings; also, Gloves and
Hosiery, Suspenders, Shirt Bosoms, Collars,
Cravats, Neck Ties, Hair Nets, &c., together
with a general assortment of first-class DRY
GOODS, to an examination of which we invite
our old friends and the public generally.
dec 14-3m

BECKER'S FOUR

PRINCIPAL FRUIT FLAVORS,
(Extract of Vanilla, Extract of Lemon-peel,
Extract of Orange-peel and Extract
of Almonds, put up in
two oz. bottles for
Family
use.)

These flavors have been for years the only reliable ones in use by confectioners. The Vanilla is the finest for cakes. The Lemon and Orange are distilled from the green peel, and the Bitter Almond is free from any injurious acid. They are decidedly the best in the market. For sale by
de 21-1m EDGAR SPEIDEN.

NEW FANCY & DRY GOODS STORE.

CHARLES W. GREEN,
No. 19, North Fairfax Street, in Mansion
House Building.

Has just received a large assortment of FANCY and DRY GOODS for fall and Winter use; which will be sold at the lowest rates. se 1-1y

J. H. DAVAGHN.

NO. 130, KING STREET,
(Old Stand.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE, which he is prepared to sell as LOW as it can be bought in any house in the city. He would invite those in want of Furniture, to give him a call before they purchase.

HAIR, Husk, and Excelsior MATTRESSES, Feather Beds, Bolsters and Pillows, made to order at the shortest notice. For sale low for cash. aug 3-6m

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON,

No. 88, King Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

DEALERS IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

Hardware, Cutlery, Bellows, Anvils, Nail Rods, Horse Shoes, Blister Steel, Files, Rasps, Shoeing Tools, &c. Committ's Iron Beam Plough at factory Prices; Castings for Titus Iron Plough kept on hand; Sash, Doors, Blinds, &c., furnished to order. Roofing Felt, and Cement, Percussion Caps, Double and Single Guns, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, &c., wholesale and Retail. Terms Cash. sel-1f

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

GREAT INDUCEMENTS.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that he is selling his entire stock, consisting of

DRY GOODS.

FANCY GOODS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

at and below cost, as he positively intends closing business by the 15th of March.

He will sell you:—

Calicoes, best quality, from 23 to 26 cts., worth 30 cts.

Muslin Delaines from 30 to 33 cts., worth 37c.

Cotton and Silk Poplins, less than cost.

Black Alpacaes at 45 cts., worth 75 cts.

All Wool Flannels from 40 cts., and upwards.

French Merinoes, best quality, from \$1.15 to \$1.37, worth \$2.

Bleached Cottons at 27 cts. and upwards;

Brown Cottons 25 cts. and upwards; Ladies

Morocco Boots from \$1.75 to \$2.25; Boys Boots

from \$1.30 to \$1.75, and a great many other things too numerous to mention.

N. B.—All persons indebted to me will please call as soon as practicable and make settlement.

WM. SILVERMAN,
No. 222 1/2, King street,
2nd door from Alfred.

My Store will be closed every Saturday.
jan 10-1m

WHEELWRIGHT & BLACKSMITHING

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice to the public that having established the above business at West End, are prepared to receive all orders in that line, such as NEW WORK, and repairing Carriages and Wagons.

All kinds of Agricultural Implements made and repaired.

Particular attention given to Horse Shoeing.

All orders executed with neatness and dispatch, and on the most reasonable terms.

G. HULFISH,
GEO. W. ROAT

dec 22-202m

FISH—

30 bbls Alewives.

100 bxs Scotch Herring, in store and for sale

by MATTHEWS & LOVING,
de 30-1f No. 4 Janney's Wharf.

NEWSPAPERS, for Wrapping Paper, for

sale at this office. nov 17-2t

Commission Merchants.

GEORGE H. ROBINSON,
GROCER, FORWARDING,
AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 5, UNION ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of country produce. Goods forwarded promptly. no 21-1f

THOMAS PERRY,
FORWARDING AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 8, PRINCE STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Farmer's furnished with Guano, Farming Implements, Groceries, &c., at the lowest market rates FOR CASH. aug 25-1f

JOHN S. KNOX, JR.,
(Formerly Knox & Bro.)
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 10, Union street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.
jy 23-1f

W. A. SMOOT,
FORWARDING & COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 21, North Union Street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.
aug 2-6m

F. G. SWAINE,
No. 26, North Royal street,
Has constantly on hand a full supply, and is constantly receiving fresh invoices of GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, and all other articles generally found in a first class GROCERY and LIQUOR STORE, and will sell as low as they can be bought in this market. sep 12-1f

BOOTS AND SHOES! BOOTS AND SHOES!—Now is the time if you want Bargains. I have a fine stock of Boots and Shoes, of all kinds, which will be sold cheap.—Also, a large stock of Ladies' and Misses Gaiters, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine for yourselves at No. 80, King street. sep 27-1f

M. GRIGSBY,
No. 181, KING STREET, CORNER COLUMBUS.
In addition to his fine stock of TOBACCO, is now receiving a large and well selected stock of GROCERIES.

WHISKIES, TEAS,
and in fact everything usually kept in a first-class grocery store, and would be pleased to see his friends and the public generally, assuring them that he will exert himself to the utmost to give general satisfaction. oc 20-1f

REMOVAL. CHEAP GOODS.

I respectfully inform my friends and the public in general that I have removed from No. 185 King street to No. 200 where I will be pleased to see all my old customers, for it is my intention to sell at the very lowest market prices, and I know all that would favor me with their patronage will be well satisfied with their bargains.—Do not forget to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. I have now on hand a fine assortment of the following goods, and of which I will defy competition:

Dark Calicoes from 23 to 30 cts.

Opera Flannels, all colors, 75 "

Delaines from 31 to 37 cts.

All Wool Flannels from 45 cts., and upwards.

Shawls and Cloaks from \$5.00 to \$35.00, besides a fine and selected assortment of House Furnishing Goods, such as Bleached and Unbleached Muslin, Sheetings, Napkins, Towels, &c., &c.; also a very large assortment of Sontags, Nubias, Hoods and Woollen Jackets, and different other articles, too numerous to mention.

L. BENDHEIM,
No. 200, King street, near Columbus.

N. B.—Country dealers and farmers will do well to give me a call, and look for themselves before purchasing. jan 8-2w

NOTICE.—The undersigned have this day associated themselves in the general DRUG, PAINT and OIL BUSINESS, under the firm name of JANNEY & CO., and are now receiving at their store, No. 145, King street, above St. Asaph, a large supply of FRESH GOODS, in their line, which will be sold at the lowest market rates.

SAMUEL H. JANNEY.
MAHLON H. JANNEY.

January 1, 1866. jan 1-1f

STAGE LINE TO MIDDLEBURG.

The subscriber has established a stage line between ALEXANDRIA & MIDDLEBURG, the coaches leaving Alexandria on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock, a. m. Leave Middleburg on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, at 8 o'clock, a. m., arriving at Alexandria at 5 o'clock, p. m. Office at the Marshal House. aug 7-1f

VALUABLE WEST END PROPERTY

FOR SALE.—We have for sale a number of lots on the north side of Duke st., 50 feet front and 150 deep; also, several truck lots of various sizes, from one to four acres, binding on the Shuter's Hill road and on the road from King street to Dukeby Betzold's. Terms accommodating. dec 22-1f

JOHNSTON & CARNE.